

Chicago Given Preview Of Robot Post Office

American Stamp Dealer Makes Record Purchase Of Sweden's New Stamp

The following information was received by the American Swedish News Exchange, Inc., via RCA from their Stockholm Bureau on May 5th. The matter in parenthesis is obtained from reliable source material.

Stockholm, May 5—(By wireless to ASNE)—The largest order ever placed with Swedish postal authorities by an individual, was filled here on Monday when Sweden's new 20-kronor (about \$5 at par) stamp was issued. An American dealer sent an order for 32,000 kronor (about \$8,000) worth of stamps. A total of 3,000 first day covers were also ordered by philatelists.

The new stamp was necessitated, according to Swedish Postal authorities, because of the increased use of the trans-Atlantic airmail. Within recent months a number of packages requiring as much as 4,000 kronor (about \$1,000) in postage, have been mailed to the United States from Sweden. The highest value stamp previously issued by Sweden was for 5-kronor, or about \$1.25, and the packages were literally covered with sheets of these stamps. The designer of the new stamp, which is blue in color, and a little larger than the usual Swedish stamp, is Laila Prytz-Wik, wife of Wilhelm Wik (correct), a post office department official, who is himself a painter. It depicts the silhouette of two wild geese in flight; the figure 20 is at the upper left above the heads of the geese. At the bottom, beneath a symbolic ocean wave, is the word "Sverige" at the left, followed by the three crowns of the Swedish coat of arms.

So far as is known, only once before in his history of the post* has a woman designed a stamp. She was the Countess Marie Viktoris Attems, of Graz, who in 1933 designed a set of six Austrian stamps commemorating the 250th anniversary of the liberation of Vienna from the Turks.)

(Signed)

Ira S. French,
American Swedish News Exchange, Inc.

*This applies to the European Post. Possibly the current Presidential series of the U. S. might be an exception since it was taken from a suggestion advanced by a woman, and was reproduced with modifications of the original design.

J. W. B.

We are glad to have a letter from one of our Jewish readers in Detroit who advises us that the initials "J. W. B." as shown on the "USO" stationary mentioned in our issue of May 7, stands for Jewish Welfare Board. We hope that we can remember this for future mention should occasion occur.



"It's all off 'tween me and Min. Says she won't marry me now." —"Brace up old pal, just give her a subscription to Linn's Weekly Stamp News and she will fall in your arms." Fifty cents per year—two years one dollar.

HEAP BIG CANOE AMAZES INDIAN



When Hendrick Hudson, famed Dutch navigator, sailed his "Half Moon" up the Hudson river in 1609 the American Indian was probably as startled by the "Heap Big Canoe" as the returning Broadwayite would be by the semi-blackout of his favorite glitter-glamour highway of today.

The Half Moon was pictured on a commemorative stamp of 1909, see story in this issue.

Good Looking American Girl Charms Philadelphia Newspaper Columnist And Promotes First Christmas Seal

By Ben L. Morris

I had the extreme pleasure of sitting through a hot Sunday afternoon in the dining room at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel at Philadelphia, May 3rd, and hearing Leigh Mitchell Hodges, in person, tell the story of the first Christmas seal and the part mere chance played in making him one of the leading figures in a great national movement, that culminated at this meeting with him being presented with a gold mounted double barred cross by the National Anti-Tuberculosis association.

Longest Lived Twentieth Century Stamp Superseded By New Dominican Issues

The oldest stamp design current with the dawn of 1942 has finally been retired. That stamp consisted of a small horizontal olive green rectangle with a large value numeral in the center and in each of four smaller circles, a letter "T", tied together on a lace-like background. These stamps were first placed in circulation in the Dominican Republic during 1901 and have ever since performed postal duty.

By virtue of Decree No. 1478 of January 31, 1942 the Dominican Republic retired these ancient adhesives and substituted a new series in the following values and colors, of a common design, measuring 24mm. x 27mm.—1c.—red; 2c.—blue; 4c.—green; 6c.—sepia; 8c.—orange; 10c.—red lilac.

This set is now, and for a limited period will be, available through the Latin American Stamp Section of the Pan American Union Wash., D. C., at face (31c) U. S. Cy., plus return postage. While but 30,000 copies of each value have thus far been issued, additional printings will no doubt be authorized as occasion may from time to time warrant.

Don Houseworth's International Stamp Review has shrunk from an 8x11 inch size down to a 6x9 size page, while at the same time Al Burns' magazine shrunk from a weekly to a monthly issue.

In his own words as near as possible—he was idling in his office one December afternoon when his office girl announced a young lady to see him and when he asked if she was good looking, and was assured she was, Miss Emily Bissell of Wilmington, Del., was brought in. She had heard of his famous column "The Optimist" in the Philadelphia North American, and wanted to pay her respects. They exchanged trivial words and he asked her what she was doing and was told she had been up to see the Sunday editor, and as he was born with indigestion he knew she was not successful and just to pass the time, asked her if there was anything he could do, expecting the usual answer, but she opened what he described as the largest handbag he ever saw and took from it a roll of what she called Christmas Seals. "I jumped to my feet, and grabbed the sheet, I saw not a lot of little red seals, but a flaming red banner that was to lead the fight to banish tuberculosis from the country. I rushed up stairs and banged in to the office of E. A. Vanvalkenburg, editor and owner of the paper, and threw them on his desk, with 'here Van are the things we have been looking for to kill tuberculosis.' He looked at the seals and then at me and said 'what in the H—do you mean?' I gave him my ideas and he told me to go to it and tell Miss Bissell the North American was hers until after Christmas, and for me to devote my entire time to it. When I

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President Roosevelt Gets First Letters From New Pitney-Bowes Coin-Operated Automat Mail Box

A coin-operated U. S. mailbox that automatically stamps, postmarks and mails letters—the first ever to be purchased by the Post Office Department, and the first to appear in Chicago—was placed in public service April 21, in the lobby of the New General Post Office on West Van Buren street.

Called the "Mailomat", the machine represents what its inventor—manufacturer, Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co., hopes will be an important new public-service development to help take up post-war slack in production and employment. It is the culmination of exhaustive testing since May 17, 1939,

Sudden Death Of Walter Conrath Shocks Host Of American Philatelists

Supplementing the news of the untimely death of Walter Conrath of Albion, Pa., publisher of the Airpost Journal and the Albion News, further information is that the accident occurred on U. S. Route 20, a few miles west of Conneaut, Ohio and near Kingsville. Latest information is that the car which was presumably going at good speed, swerved from the road, sheared off a telephone pole and after turning over several times crashed into a tree.

Stanley Blair, companion of Conrath is reported to be showing signs of improvement although in a semi-conscious condition.

According to a clipping supplied by Daniel J. Kaib and taken from the Erie Dispatch-Herald, Mr. Conrath is survived by his wife, the former Grace Peckham, his mother, Mrs. May M. Erhart Conrath, and a brother, Herman L. Conrath. His father, the late George B. Conrath, was a former official of the Erie City Iron Works and the Protane Gas Co., and was a member of the former board of water commissioners in Erie.

Mr. Conrath was a graduate of Erie East High School, class of 1924, where he played the position of tackle on the Warrior football team for one season under the direction of Coach Gus Anderson, now athletic director at Millcreek High School. While at Erie East, Mr. Conrath served a year as editor of the school publication, the Sunrise.

Mr. Conrath later attended Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. and transferred to the University of Pittsburgh, where he took courses in art and journalism. Some of his art works were published in nationally known magazines during his studies at Pitt., and he became an authority on Air Mail stamps.

Shortly after being graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, Mr. Conrath acquired the Albion News, a weekly publication, from Carl Kuppler, former Erie County sheriff, on July 1, 1929. The Albion News grew in circulation under Mr. Conrath's direction, changed its typography to that of metropolitan papers and became the leading weekly publication in Northwestern Pennsylvania. In 1938, Mr. Conrath erected a modern plant for his Albion paper.

His wife served as society editor of the News and was active in other editorial capacities on the publication.

Mr. Conrath was also past president of the American Air-mail Society. The society's official magazine, the Air Post Journal, was edited and printed in the Albion News building.

when an experimental forerunner made its world debut in the New York General Post Office. The company, now in its third year of direct war work and almost one hundred per cent converted, announced that plans for volume production of the new device were tabled for the duration when the plant went on to two-shift war work last September.

The installation was marked by an inaugural ceremony attended by Federal and Chicago postal officials. Following an unveiling by Postmaster Ernest J. Kreutgen, visiting classification chief Nelson B. Wentzel, representing the Post Office Department at Washington, stepped up to the machine, inserted some coins, turned a dial, and automatically mailed the first two letters to President Roosevelt for his world famous stamp collection. The first went via air mail, the second by regular first class mail. Other "first day covers" were mailed to Postmaster General Frank C. Walker and postal officials in Washington and Chicago.

The installation ceremony was preceded by an informal luncheon for postal officials and the press at the Palmer House. It was tendered by Wilbur R. Greenwood and J. Donald Oakes, vice president and Chicago branch manager respectively of the Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co., which invented the new machine and developed it in co-operation with the Post Office Department.

Cleveland and Detroit are due for "Mailomat" inaugurals in their main post offices on the 22nd and 23rd of April.

To mail a letter in the "Mailomat" you (1) drop coins in designated slots, (2) dial the postage value you desire, (3) insert your letter. The machine, electrically driven, does the rest. It automatically stamps, postmarks, cancels and deposits your letter in a built-in U. S. mailbox, ready for scheduled collection. It does not affix an adhesive postage stamp, but prints a colored meter stamp of any selected denomination directly on the envelope or postcard. The instant an envelope is inserted and the postage is paid, mechanical fingers take it out of the mailer's hand and draw it

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U. S. Telegraph Stamps

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THE 2c HUDSON-FULTON

In 1909 New York held a double celebration to commemorate the discovery of the Hudson River in 1609 by Hendrick Hudson in his sailing vessel, the "Half Moon," and the one hundredth anniversary of Robert Fulton voyaging up the same river with the first steamboat, his "Clermont." A two cent stamp was issued for the celebration. The background shows the famous Palisades, with the "Half Moon" sailing up the river and the "Clermont" in mid-stream, with two Indian canoes also shown.



Imperforate Defense Stamps

Harry O. Storm, Postmaster of Clay City, Indiana has found what is the nearest thing to being a pair imperforate between that we have ever seen. The pair in question is of the 3c Defense stamp issue and is a vertical pair imperforate between except for two perforation holes.

This brings up the question as to how a stamp of this nature should be classified for it certainly is not perforated between, yet not wholly imperf. because of the two holes.

The stamps have the vertical perforation along the right side of the pair, then the next perforation hole to the left is cut out entirely. Beyond this single hole the next two holes are not punched and then there is another punched hole and to the left of this second hole, no more perforation holes are punched out. Thus where there should be eleven or twelve perforations holes between a pair of stamps there are but two holes punched. Certainly a variety meriting attention and as near to being imperforate between as anything we have ever seen.

Since writing the above, Mr. Storm has sent two blocks of eight stamps showing the missing perforations. These are vertical blocks of eight, two wide by four stamps deep from the lower left corner of the lower left pane of plate number 22787. The missing perfs are between the vertical pair at the top left side of the block of eight. Mr. Storm says the variety occurred in every sheet of 100 in a regular Post Office pack of 100 sheets.

This need not mean that all sheets will show this variety as the perforating machine may have broken down in the process of perforating and may have been later repaired.

Watch for the same position on other plates.

In the letter submitting this variety Mr. Storm refers to Captain Townsends trip through Texas and his report on the lack of Famous American stamps in Texas. He states that his postoffice at Clay City still has several of all denominations except the 1c values.

Washington Office Now Looks Like Ghost Town

Philip H. Ward, writing in Mekeel's Weekly says that the offices of the Philatelic Agency at Washington look like a ghost town since so many employees have been removed to other positions because of lack of business at the Agency.

We should recognize the fact that the Agency was built up and developed by the regular and frequent issue of new stamps. Unless the policy is to be continued, the sooner it is broken down to a one man office with a desk and a stenographer, the better things will be all around.

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The 2c—Steamer Clermont, was issued on September 14, 1909, perforated 12 and watermarked double lined USPS. It is recorded in carmine, with bright and deep shades, with very scarce double transfers and a double impression, although the latter is not recognized by King and Johl in their book. 72,634,931 stamps were issued, from plates 5388, 5389, 5390, 5391, 5392, 5393, 5394 and 5395.

This stamp was also issued in imperforate sheets and is to be found with the Mail-O-Meter, Schermack, and U. S. Vending Machine Co., perforations. It appeared on September 24, 1909, and as all the plates used for the perforated stamps were again used for this one, the same double transfers appear.

U. S. Stamps To Play Part In Pan-Amer. Solidarity Thru Educational Exhibits

An initial step has been taken in elaborating the original philatelic plan of the United States Office of Education. Up to this time its philatelic efforts have been pointed toward placing exhibitions of Latin American stamps in the schools of this country, by virtue of 150 circulating exhibits.

The second stamp in the general plan has now been launched in two test displays of U. S. stamps to be placed in the schools of Cuba and Mexico. Each of these displays consists of 10 sheets, embellished with appropriate comments in the Spanish language, covering such topics as U. S. Presidents, National Parks, National Expansion, Science, Authors and Poets, Air Mail and like cultured topics.

Should these U. S. stamp displays prove as popular as is anticipated, it is expected that similar showing may be prepared for the other Latin countries. As in the case of the philatelic sheets now circulating in the schools of this country, those being introduced in the Latin countries were prepared under the supervision of the Pan American Union. The first set of these special stamp displays for Latin American showings was on exhibition at the 8th Pan American Child Welfare Congress held in Washington, May 2-9, 1942.

Attractive Envelopes For Kentucky 1st Day

A sample of the envelope offered for use with the first day of issue of the new Kentucky stamp is at hand from Frederick B. Fitts Co., of Framingham, Mass. It is printed in purple and green and pictures two of Kentucky's most famous citizens, Abraham Lincoln and Daniel Boone as well as a log cabin, made famous by both these great men. A handsome historic envelope of excellent quality.

Patriotic Cover Souvenir

What should be a good lead for others to follow is a specially prepared patriotic envelope issued for the occasion of the annual banquet of the Hamilton Philatelic Society, Hamilton, O. The envelope came to the office of the News with a cancellation as of the date of the banquet and would seem to be a far more appropriate souvenir of the occasion than the usual labels that have become the custom.

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into the machine proper, with magnet-like effect.

As much as \$1.00 in pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters may be deposited at a time. The amount of the mailer's deposit, is always visible to him through a glass window, and one or more letters can be mechanically stamped and mailed just as fast as the mailer can insert them in a guided slot or track—at about 60-70 letters a minute. Called a "self-service post office," the machine has a dialing knob that permits the selection of any stamp denomination from 1c to 32c for letters of various kinds, sizes and weights—including air mail, special delivery and foreign mail.

The "Mailomat" has, obvious advantages over the stamp vending and dispensing machines of the drug store type. It is impossible for this machine, incorporating a postage meter, to "run out" of any one denomination of postage. There is no need to provide for re-loading coils or reels of stamps, because no stamps, as such, are used; and any denomination is available at the twist of a dial. Also, there is no premium charged for postage. Full postage value is given for all coins, since the machine is primarily designed as an auxiliary postal service unit. And there is an added sanitary advantage in that the "Mailomat", with its mechanically imprinted meter stamps, abolishes the century-old practice of licking stamps with the tongue.

The machine is equipped with regulation post office time cards similar to those on corner mailboxes showing hourly schedule of mail collections.

Both post office and public are protected against fraud by means of an automatic coin detector that bounces back everything from badly worn coins to slugs and counterfeits. There is basic protection, too, in the fact that the machine sells or dispenses nothing that the mailer can take away from it. Company engineers go further and suggest that, aside from mechanical coin detection, no cheat or crook would risk safe transit of his letters, not to mention a Federal postal violation, for the sake of a few cents in postage.

The "Mailomat" is a direct outgrowth and a public-use version of the government-licensed mailing machine called the postage meter, many thousands of which are found in banks and business houses throughout the world. Last year, postage collected through meters amounted to \$153,000,000 of U. S. postal revenue—or 22c out of every dollar spent for postage.

The new coin-operated machine is a development of Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co. of Stamford, Conn., which invented the postage meter and the metered mail system which was sanctioned by Congress in 1920 and instituted in the administration of Postmaster General Bureleson of the Wilson cabinet.

The "Mailomat", operating under the metered mail system, eliminates the need for the "facing," postmarking and canceling of mail in the outgoing or dispatching post office. This means quicker post office handling, often swifter dispatch and delivery, particularly at peak mailing periods at the close of the day when important mail trains and planes are leaving.

Postal officials consider the public service possibilities of the new machine both wide and important. By combining a coin-operated postage meter with a U. S. mailbox, the device automatically makes one operation of the purchasing of postage and mailing of letters. It serves day and night as a miniature post office, selling postage of all common rates, and mechanically stamping, postmarking, dating and depositing letters for scheduled collection by postal workers.

The manufacturers state that machines of this type are intended primarily as auxiliary postal service units to provide the public with stamp and mailing fa-

The Jack Knight Air Mail Society Makes First Meet One Long To Be Recalled

The official launching of the Jack Knight Air Mail Society took place in Brookfield, Illinois, on April 18th when the American Air Mail Society presented the new group with a charter as Chapter 23.

A celebration program which had a number of novel innovations brought hundreds of non collectors in contact with these philatelists. They included a \$100,000 Monte Carlo Auction held for junior collectors, a local Hobby Show with everything from bottle caps to railroad trains, a radio program directed to the Hall, a regional meeting of the SPA, a bourse, a merit badge study course on Stamp Collecting for Boy Scouts, a 315 frame two day exhibition, and the Charter Presentation Dinner.

The Grand Award in the exhibition was won by the 78 year old aero philatelic veteran Rev. Kearns-Preston with his exhibit of rare pioneer and historical air mail material. Blue ribbon winners in the exhibition which drew some of the best air mail collections in the nation were: M. O. Varns, Milwaukee, Wis.; L. B. Gatchell, Bronsville, N. Y.; Richard L. Singley, Lancaster, Pa.; Walter Conrath, Albion, Pa.; M. E. Steczynski, Chicago, Ill.; Earl H. Wellman, Brookfield, Ill.; Dr. H. E. Radasch, Philadelphia, Pa.; R. Pristoupinsky, Chicago, Ill.; Edward Benson, Wilmette, Ill.; Vic Rohwedder, Berwyn, Ill., and Glenn W. Glass, of Chicago.

Increased First Class Postage

Among other things being discussed by Congressmen with reference to new and higher taxes is the raising of First Class Postage rates on out of town mail to 4c, with an 8c air mail rate.

ilities at times and places where they are not now available.

"When the war is over," said one company official, "we hope that they will be installed throughout the Postal Service; not only in post office lobbies to relieve and supplement window sales of postage stamps in rush periods, and to serve after stamp windows are closed for the day, but also in railway, bus and airline terminals and other public places."

The company's vice president, Wilbur Greenwood, speaking at yesterday's luncheon, answered queries as to the status of the new development in the face of wartime metal shortages. Said he, "These first few machines were all built before Pearl Harbor, and volume production was postponed months before. There will be no further manufacturing until the war is won".

He explained that they are hand-made models that will be installed in key cities as "public educational units and as final testing models, so that when the war is won, we will be ready and able to go at once into volume production with a proved new public-service development to help take up the post-war slack in industrial production and employment, and thus to help win the peace on the economic front."

He concluded by reporting that the Pitney-Bowes company, largest manufacturer of postal machinery in the world, is now in its third year of direct war work, is almost wholly converted to the making of precision products for the armed forces, and will be one hundred per cent so converted very shortly.

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Huntsville, Ala. will be added to AM-40 and AM-55 in the near future. This will be the first time that this city has received direct airmail service, and consequently, these flights should receive catalogue listing. Covers should be sent to the Postmaster at Huntsville with a brief letter authorizing him to hold them until the first flights take place. As yet the Post Office Department has made no mention of a cachet for this flight, and the chances are that there will not be any. Collectors should not overlook inbound covers into Huntsville. The stop on AM-55 is between Birmingham and Chattanooga, consequently inbound covers from the south must originate at Birmingham. Covers from the north can originate at Chattanooga, or any other point on the route. Inbound covers on AM-40 from the south should also originate at Birmingham (or points south), while those inbound from the north must originate at Memphis, Tenn., or Muscle Shoals (Florence, Ala.; Sheffield, Ala.; or Tusculumbia, Ala.). This flight may take place without any other notice, so you better get your covers out now.

Berman Collection By Parke-Bernet Galleries Very Fine Collection

It is so customary when a large auction sale is held to the the sale ballyhooed by a lot of information about the specialized thoroughness of this or that country or group of stamps that one should be more or less interested to learn of a really big collection being offered at auction, which is featured for its endless number of just plain ordinary all different stamps, rather than for the microscopic varieties.

Such a collection is that of Henry Berman of Rochester, N. Y. which is to be sold at auction by the Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc. 30 E. 67th Street, New York, on June 2, 3, and 4.

This collection of between fifty and sixty thousand varieties might best be described as a "collectors collection", that is a collection of as many all different stamps as could be gathered together. While the early U. S. are practically complete in normal numbers, no attempt has been made to bloat with varieties. Since 1890 the issues are practically complete in used and unused with many choice blocks included. The extremely rare 2c Offset, Type VII, imperf pair is probably the outstanding piece and something that ranks among U. S. rarities, probably much more rare than catalog price indicates. Departments, Revenues and a good showing of Match and Medicine are also included.

British, French, Dutch and Portuguese colonies are strongly represented with practically everything catalogued up to \$25 as well as many of higher value. The balance of the world is equally good with some choice pieces in Europe, including Luxembourg 10fr green in souvenir sheet and many other fine single pieces and sets.

Publisher Of Hobbies Magazine Stakes Freedom Against American Liberty

Clippings from Chicago newspapers tell of the plight of O. C. Lightner, publisher of Hobbies Magazine who in defiance of the NLRB, announces his intention to go to jail and "make the American people aware of the injustice of my case."

Ordered to pay back salaries of \$10,000 and to reinstate discharged employees, Lightner says "I intend to remain firm. I'm ready to go to jail rather than buckle down. I'm in the right in this case. I've been persecuted because some of my magazines criticized the NLRB and they were out to get me from the start."

In the eyes of Mr. Lightner, it is a case of "freedom of the press" and he intends to fight to the last ditch. Readers of his Hobbies Magazine are doubtless familiar with many of his anti-British editorial among which he advocated the annexation of Canada to the United States and for which he was eventually barred from Canadian mails.

With these latter acts few sane people can sympathize but his trouble with the NLRB is a matter that should attract the interest and attention of all business men.

Brooklyn Plate Number Specialist Stores Stock Dons Country's Uniform

Charles J. DeMuth, long known as one of the leading collector-dealer plate number specialists the man who found the part perf bi-color air mail stamp has stored his stock in a Bomb Proof Cellar for the duration and has taken his place in the army as of April 29th.

Private DeMuth says, "I am aware of the fact that many of my clients are too busy on war work to devote much time to stamps at present, but when we are again on the forty hour week and need an outlet for our excess energy, I hope to be back at the old stand. Stamps can wait until the more serious problems of the world are settled, and I promise to do my best to help make that date soon."

Altho, temporarily stationed at Camp Upton, N. Y., Private DeMuth promises to give his permanent address as soon as available. The envelope in which the letter with the above information came from Camp Upton has the usual "FREE" mark in the upper right corner rubberstamped or written from a typewriter with a red ribbon. We said rubberstamped because there is a small "mitt," "hand" or "fist" before the word.

We can expect Private DeMuth to devise some means of putting a plate number on a block of "frees" before he will be entirely satisfied with his new position.

Which makes us wonder why our Philatelic brothers in the service do not develop ingenious markings when mailing these letters to collectors. There is opportunity to produce some future much sought for pieces.

Pan-Amer. Union Provides Father Flanagan's Boys' Town Club Fine Exhibit

Arrangements between Father Flanagan of Boys Town, Nebraska, and the Latin American Stamp Section of the Pan American Union have been concluded for an extensive showing of the stamps of the Western Hemisphere Republics at the Annual Stamp Exhibition of the Boys Town Stamp Club, to be held from May 24, through May 31.

The material to be sent from Washington will consist of mounted, annotated sheets of material from the Pan American Philatelic Depository and other items prepared by the Latin American Stamp Section. It will include no rarities or other high-priced items, highly technical items, having but little interest to novice amateurs, will likewise be deleted.

Emphasis will be placed on philatelic pieces lying within the grasp of those who are in a position to spend but moderately and enjoy but limited opportunity to acquire stamps through other channels. Among the sheets to be displayed will be the new Astrophysical set of Mexico, the Panamanian Canal issue, the Olympic issue of Cuba, the Morgan issue of Honduras, with map embellishment to show his Central American Federation ambitions, the Child Welfare Stamps of Brazil, the Nicaraguan issue paying compliment to the great Latin poet and author, Ruben Dario, and many others which, if studied, will constitute a liberal education on many topics.

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In Those Days, They Shot 'Em
Ever since we received the advance photo of the new Kentucky stamp we have been watching it to see the gun go off in the hands of the tall straight scout who has his gun pointed at the "Movie" hero who is standing below the brink of the hill. The latter character with his waxed moustache and his apparent Hollywood makeup does not seem to fit into the picture with the rough woodsmen trio.

International Phil. Soc. Leading West Coast Group Offers Attractive Auction

Much of the philatelic activity on the west coast can be attributed to the enthusiasm of the membership of the International Philatelic Society of San Francisco, many of whose members have already joined up with America's armed forces.

Among the noteworthy accomplishments of this society was the exhibit of 1440 square feet of Air Mail material provided by the Society for the Post Office Department on the occasion of National Air Mail Week. At the Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco, 1939-40, the society arranged and loaned stamp exhibits to seven different foreign government exhibitions.

One of the main attractions of the society are the frequent auctions. The material in these sales is supplied by the members of the society, advertised and sold without profit or compensation to the sales manager or any other person, all work being donated for the benefit of the society.

The I. P. S. expects to use space in Linn's Weekly Stamp News for future sales, realizing that much greater distribution of the offerings can be accomplished in this manner. The first such offering being in this issue.

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Opportunity For Dealer Or Publisher

We trust that our readers and friends will bear with us for a brief period, while we are attempting to dispose of the remains of the LINPRINT stock of merchandise which we have purchased from the Trustees for the Creditors. Being in a position where we could readily offer this material to collectors who have been buying it for years past and who are thoroughly familiar with it, we arranged to buy the remaining stock, rather than see it dumped for scrap paper. We understand that the Trustee had made an effort to find a sale for this material to other parties but was unsuccessful. We have therefore acquired the material which is principally of the Unit System Pages for U. S. Stamps. We shall sort this into as many complete sets as possible, put a very low price on same and offer it to collectors who wish the pages. We would like to sell the remains of the stock to some publisher or dealer who would continue its production.

On our part, we found an opportunity whereby we might earn sufficient from the sale of this merchandise to help us cover some of our loss and to help us in establishing this publication on a sound footing after meeting the notes we have assumed for its purchase.

If any dealer or publisher is interested in carrying on with these pages, please write at once. In the meantime we plan to offer these pages and the few other remaining items at far below the cost of printing, with the hope of cleaning up the lot quickly, after which we will have no further material for sale. Please do not write and ask for anything not offered as the stock is almost cleaned out except for a few odd items that will be offered.

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Air Mail Stamp News To Be Featured

Starting with this issue, Linn's Weekly Stamp News plans to give readers up to date and reliable information of interest on Air Mail activities. You will find the column with the authors name in this issue. A brief note at the close of the column gives the author's own explanation and we might add that the intention is to try to give reliable advance information on events that will be of interest to the collector. The author has been instructed to boil it down and keep to facts and matters of vital interest. We believe this new feature will make the weekly of great interest to those who want real news of the Air Mail Flight activities.

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Reckless Use Of Firearms

Hardly a day passes in the annual hunting season without the report of someone having their head blown off by the careless use of firearms on the part of some other members of a hunting party and this new Kentucky stamp shows us clearly that Daniel Boone never read our current daily papers and thus became familiar with this fact for we find him nonchalantly leaning on his long barreled muzzle loader with the end of the barrel under his chin, while another member of the party stands grazing into space with his rifle carelessly pointed directly at the head of a person who has already started down the trail. Must be such careless use of firearms as that that started all the feudin' 'tween the Hatfield's and McCoys.

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New Department Stamps Rumored

Trickling out of Washington, from various sources again comes the rumor that the government is considering the issue of special stamps for the various Government Departments as were used in the 70's.

Such an issue of stamps would be a tremendous shot in the arm for American Philately. Regardless of what your likes or tastes in stamps might be, most American collectors would go for such an issue. It would be most probable that the number of different sets would far outnumber the old issue, provided of course that a set was issued for each department.

Fore warned is fore armed and collectors who want to place any faith in the rumor might best back up that faith by filling up their sets of old Department issues now for should a new series be issued we will see such skyrocket prices on the older issues that few will be able to grab on by the tail as the band wagon flashes by.

Department stamps of the United States have never been popular, few collectors have more than a half dozen copies if any and the opportunity to pick them from the mails today would create so much interest in old issues that holders of the stocks will find themselves very fortunate.

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Changing Your Address

In these days of our moving population, changes of address on Publications is a tremendous task. Workers moving to new locations and some of the boys joining up and moving from camp to camp. It is a big job to try to keep the paper going to you without your missing a number, but the one thing that causes most trouble is to have someone send a note from a new address and ask to have their paper sent to that address. To change an address we MUST have your present as well as your new address or no change can be made.

U. S. Army Censor Mark On Australian Letter Is Interesting To Study

All the way from Australia comes a letter with a change of address for one of the subscribers to Linn's Weekly Stamp News and the correspondent fails to give his last previous address so that we are unable to trace same and make the change correctly. The interesting thing however is the U. S. Army Censor markings on the cover. These marks are large double lined circles, about 2 inches in diameter, with words "U. S. ARMY" at top and "CENSORED" at bottom. Surrounding the central part of the handstamp is another single line circle and in a shield shaped box is the censors number. In this instance the cover is censored by two different censors as two handstamps are applied one bearing the number "1" and the other "13". Below the shield with number is a small oblong single line frame in which the censor applies his initials. Number 13 signed "J. M." in ink while number 1, just slashed a letter "T" carelessly over the box with a pencil. Both these markings are on the front of the cover and the one with number 13 is also stamped on the back of the cover.

The cover is without the required word "FREE" in upper right corner but has a gummed label bearing the address of—

Private George N. Raybin

ASN—12035917

Fourth General Hospital

A. P. O. 924 % Army Postmaster

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF

Private Raybin advises that he is now in Australia and will be glad to hear from any friends.

Use address as above.
The cancellation on this cover has four killer bars with circle at left in which is "AMERICAN BASE FORCES" at top, "A. P. O. 501" at bottom and date in center.

Cover Collectors Change Convention Date To June Meet At Tulsa With O.P.S.

The National Association of Cover Collectors of America cancelled their October dates and due to war conditions beyond the control of the Convention Committee and the request of the Government to move everything up in order that everything can be turned to outright war effort, the C. C. of A will hold their 3rd annual convention June 26th through 28th, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the same time the O. P. S. will hold their 10th annual convention. Everything will be held in Hotel Mayo. Those desiring to exhibit are to write Mr. L. M. Blakey, P. O. Box 2604, Tulsa, Oklahoma. The entry fee will be 25c per 6 album pages. Insurance will be carried. All entries must be in Mr. Blakey's hands by June 14th. War bonds will be given as awards and special ribbons will replace the red, white and blue silk given in the past.

The Convention Seals printed early with the October dates have been overprinted and those who ordered seals can return the original seals to Mrs. Dee, P. O. Box 567, Tulsa, Oklahoma and they will be exchanged free for the overprint, if the new seal is requested and the collector wants to keep the original then they must be bought but they will exchange them without any additional cost.

Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., has been named as the Editor of the New York Collectors Club Philatelist, the quarterly journal of the club. He succeeds W. R. McCoy who gave up the position because of other pressing business.

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Pneumatic Tube Mail

Over in Italy they have a pneumatic Tube Mail for which stamps have been issued since 1913. It might interest collectors to know that there are two pneumatic Tube Mail service connections in America. One is in Boston where a tube 1.8 miles long connects the North and South Railroad Station, via the South Postal Station. The other is in New York where double lines of 8 inch tubes connect the main post office in New York City with 21 of the larger postal stations throughout Manhattan and the General Post Office at Brooklyn.

Dominican Republic To Show National Patron Saint On Postage Stamps

Religion, playing an outstanding part in Latin American life, is again to attain postal recognition. August 15th is annually set aside in the Dominican Republic as a day of ecclesiastic and civic celebration in honor of the national Patron Saint. This year's ceremonies will honor the 20th Anniversary of the Coronation of "Our Lady of Highest Grade."

In that connection a special series of stamps will be issued in the following quantities, values and colors: 500,000, 1/2c., Gray; 1,000,000, 1c., Green; 2,000,000 3c., Lilac; 500,000, 5c., Brown; 100,000, 10c., Rose; 100,000, 15c., Blue.

All values will bear the same design, namely a reproduction of the Virgin, supplemented with the usual inscriptions. The stamps will be of uniform size measuring 25mm. x 30mm. It is expected that the stamps will be available at the Latin American Stamp Section of the Pan American Union in Washington on August 16, where they will be offered at 35c U. S. Cy., plus return postage. Orders for this series will not be accepted until announcement is later made that the stamps are actually at hand.

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REMAINS OF LINPRINT STOCK

On Saturday, May 2, I arranged to purchase from the Trustee handling the liquidation of LINPRINT INC., the remains of the stock of printed albums, etc. This stock was shipped to my office in Sidney on May 4th. Since then I have been working to get it in shape for offering and wish to make the following statement.

The greatest bulk of the stock was of the Unit System Album pages. Next in bulk was a quantity of Perpetual Album Pages which are offered in an another advertisement. Other than these two items there is only a small amount of miscellaneous items which are listed below and the quantities on hand are stated. When these items are sold there will be no more. It will require some time to clean up the Unit Pages and we hope to find some dealer who will take over and continue this system of page.

Anyone interested, please write.
My sole object in acquiring this material was to give those collectors who have been using the material an opportunity to stock up at the low prices which can be made in most cases less than cost of production. When this material is sold, I will personally have no other merchandise of this nature to offer and will not engage in the production and manufacture of same.

If there are items here that you want, order immediately, for these should all sell quickly. Please add extra money for postage. We will refund any surplus in stamps in an orange colored envelope in the parcel we mail to you.

Where possible we refer to the page in the 1942 No. 12 price list of LINPRINT in referring to items offered. See your price list if you are unfamiliar with the items offered. First come first served—we will refund immediately for anything sold out.

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| 2100 Blank Approval Sheets, 20 space, white bond paper. Per 100—12c. | 3100 Same, No. 3. Per 100—35c. |
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| 1000 Approval sheets, 25 space, bond paper, per 100—12c. | 300 Pages for above albums. Per 100—30c. |
| 2200 Approval Application blanks for dealers, per 100—10c. | 30 Packs pages for Poster Stamps, see page 7 in list. Per pack—25c. |
| 2400 Approved Report Blanks for dealers, Discount style, per 100—10c. | 1500 Victor Album Pages. Regular price \$1.50 per 100. To close out—Per 100—75c. |
| 900 As above, Net style blanks. Per 100—10c. | 3500 Bowery Album Pages, regularly sold at 60c. These are 8 1/2 x 11 gray quadrate printed pages on 20 lb. white bond paper, for standard 3 ring binders. Per 100—35c. |
| 1200 Order blanks for dealers. Per 100—10c. | 300 Sets Page Guards for 8 1/2 x 11 size Binder Albums. These are fine to put in front and back of album to protect the top and bottom page. Heavy tough cover stock at less than cost. Per pair—5c. Buy several sets now. |
| 7000 Set slips, small colored paper slips about 3x5 inch with printed frame and arranged to mount and price sets. Per 100—5c. | 78 Sets Presidential Album Pages. Originally offered as our Section II. This is a page for each stamp of the Presidential series with name printed at top in a boxed panel, red frame line surrounding a gray quadrate ground. Regular 8 1/2 x 11 standard 3 ring bound pages. Originally sold at \$1.00. Per set—30c. Fine for specialized collection Presidential issue. |
| 1500 Approval Record cards, 3x5 index size to keep records of approvals sent to customers. Per 100—15c. | 75 Sets Famous American Album Pages for single stamps. This is the Section I which originally sold at 50c. Complete set of 17 pages. Per set—25c. |
| 700 Approval Reminder Cards. For dealers to send to approval customers who are slow with returns. Per 100—12c. | 50 Sets as above but without the fancy title front and back pages. 20c a set. |
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FIRST DAY COVERS



Inquiries and information concerning this department should be addressed to the department editor—

WILLIAM H. ROBINSON
Cherokee Road Nashville, Tenn.

It seems that April 1, 1942, will have to go on record as the First Day for the Stampless Covers of 1942. Although I have reasons to believe that a large number of stampless covers were mailed on April first, the only one that has been brought to my attention is owned by Mary Krakora of Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Krakora received her "franked" cover postmarked April first from her brother. Many of the postoffices returned mail without stamps that day because their orders had not reached them. Miss Krakora's brother wrote her that the other boys in the camp got their stampless covers mailed on April first, back, and that he had expected his to come back too. Miss Krakora did not state from what camp the cover was mailed.

Pvt. John C. Luecke, Headquarters Company ERTC, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., states that the official notice of the free mail did not appear on the bulletin boards in his fort, or at the local post office until April 4th and consequently he feels that this should be recognized as the first day of free mail from this camp. How about information from other camps as to the First Day of the Stampless Covers of 1942.

From the American Export Lines, Inc., has come a cachet cover for the Maiden (First) Voyage of the S. S. EXTAVIA showing a map of the first trip. However an ovate rubber stamp on the cover bears the postmark "Posted on the high seas/S. S. EXMINSTER/American Lines." Another rubber stamp marking on the face of the cover informs the reader that "This letter was scheduled for carriage on the maiden voyage of the S. S. EXTAVIA. She has been taken over

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Counterfeit Defense Stamp Racket Stopped

News dispatches from New York tell of the arrest of a gang of six New Yorkers who have been apprehended for the counterfeiting of the 25c Defense Stamp. It is stated that FBI agents have been on their trail for four months past and that these individuals have put out \$52,500 worth of the 25c stamp. Whether all these were placed in circulation or whether that is presumed to be the number printed is a question that it not answered.

It is further stated that the gang attempted to market the stamps by the usual method by which counterfeit money is sold, parcels were offered at half face value, giving the seller the opportunity to cash in at a full 100%. It is said that the fakes are very fine imitations of the originals.

Further information is that the stamps were offered the notorious Purple Gang of Detroit and that it was because of the patriotic feeling of this gang that they reported the issue to the Government, all of which sounds like the price of bologna has taken a tremendous drop.

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sends word that the Cuban Post Office Department is planning the issue of a Half-Cent postage stamps to meet new needs occasioned by postage increases con-

templated.

As yet, date of sale has not been announced but Mr. Dale hopes to get this information in advance if possible.

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UNITED STATES		Cat. Val.
101	76 V.F. Cent. R.T.	3.00
102	127 No Gum-Thin-1 SE 1 Nick	25.00
103	128 No Gum-Thin-1 SE	20.00
104	145 No Gum-1 Cut-Cent. T.L.	4.50
105	65, 148, 150, O-147-Seconds	23.80
106	625, 6, 9, 531, 2, 3, 6, 7 V.F. Mint.	7.22
107	630 V.F. Sheet-Cent. Fine.	7.00
108	730 50, 51, 78 Superb.	1.58
109	730 31 Superb.	2.15
110	Farley's singles and blocks other comm. in singles all Superb.	12.62
111	E2, 3, 5, 12, 16, *E4 creased N.G. E8.	9.72
112	O121, 2 Cent. Fair.	6.20
113	O12 Two perfs. Nibbed 03 V.F.	3.65
114	O15, 6, 8, V.F. Mint. Cent. T.L.	10.00
115	O15, 6, 8, V.F. Mint.	3.75
116	O17 V.F. Slt. Thin Spot under hinge	5.00
117	O20-1 Perf. close, O21 No Gum V.F.	7.00
118	O24 Small closed tear, cancel heavy	2.50
119	O25, 6 V.F. O26 N.G.	6.00
120	O29 Cent. L.B. V.G.	4.50
121	O36, 8, 41, Good Average.	4.50
122	O42 V.F. Mint.	7.00
123	O47, O.G., V.F., O-049, 50 Fair	1.15
124	O57-2 cor. perfs. off, V.G.	2.00
125	O62 V.F.	2.00
126	O73 Few Perfs. nibbed-074 V.F.	5.00
127	O75 V.F. Perfs. nibbed-074 V.F.	2.75
128	O75, 6, 7, V.G.	3.00
129	O81 Par O.G.-V.F.	4.50
130	O85 V.F. Kicking Mule Cancel.	?
131	O88, 90, 1, 2-O-085, 9 Fine.	4.60
132	O88 O.G., O-089, 92 V.G.	2.70
133	O114, 5, O.G.-0117 N.G. creased	1.20
134	O97, 99, 108, O-096, 8, 109, 10, 11, V.G.	13.40
135	R74 Fine Margins Imp.	10.00
136	R75 Slt. nick in Margin, R76-V.F. Imp.	6.50
137	R85, 86 Imp. V.F.	9.50
138	R88 Imp. V.F.	9.00
139	R89 Imp. V.F.	2.50
140	R5 Part Perf. Strip of 3.	0.05
141	R19, 27, 40, 43, 44, 50, 53, Part Perfs. #50 Doubtful.	7.60
142	R66, 67 Imp. V.F. #67 Ptd. Type Cancel	3.47
143	R70 Imp. V.F.	2.00
144	R72 Imp. V.F.	2.00
145	R73 Imp. V.F.	2.50
146	H52, 53, 64, 65 V.F.	2.15
147	H54-3 V.F. Lot.	4.98
148	H66-71, 5, 6, V.F.	4.35
149	H78, 81, 82 V.F.	1.90
150	H83 Lower Margin V.G.	3.00
151	H84, 5, 6 V.F.	3.35
152	H88, 89, 92 (92 Cancelled)	3.85
153	H96 Unused-Nearly O.G.-V.F.	3.00
154	H95 Mint V.F.	4.00
155	H93 V.F.	3.00
156	H98 Cent. L.L.-V.F.	4.00
157	R104, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 V.F.	5.85
158	R117 O.G. Cent. T.L.	3.25
159	R128, 20, 24 V.F.	3.85
160	R133 Imp. V.F. Cancel.	1.75
161	R134-7 V.G.	4.90
162	R139-41 Fine.	4.00
163	R142 V.G. 143 Damaged.	6.00
164	R144, 5, 6 V.F.	4.05
165	R147, 8 V.F.	5.00
166	R1-14 Fine.	4.55
167	R173-6, 8, 9 V.F.	7.22
168	R181-7, R190-1	1.69
UNITED STATES OVERSEAS		Cat. Val.
73	Canal Zone #1, 6-Mint V.F.	4.50
74	Canal Zone #7 Mint V.F.	4.00
75	Canal Zone 8 Mint V.F.	7.00
76	Cuba #221-6 V.F.	2.95
77	Porto Rico #210-16, J1, 2-5 Mint 4 Used.	7.05
GUAM		Cat. Val.
78	1 Thin Spot 2 V.F.	3.50
79	2 Superb.	1.25
80	3 V.F.	10.00
81	4 V.F.	7.00
82	5 V.F. N.G.	1.50
83	6 Superb.	8.00
84	7 Tiny thin spots V.F.	8.00
85	8 V.F.	7.00
86	10 Superb.	10.00
87	11 N.G. V.F.	13.50
88	12 Superb.	15.00
89	KI-ISE, Guide Line Cent. B.V.F.	7.00
FOREIGN		Cat. Val.
90	Abyssinia #1-7 Mint-V.F.	1.50
91	O-155, 7 V.F.	.99
92	Abyssinia #87-9, #120, 25, 92	1.30
93	Abyssinia J1-7 V.F. O.G.	1.30
94	Alutaki #1-5-O.G. V.F.	5.00
95	Alutaki #6 Sup.	4.50
96	Angola #1-1, 7-15 V.F.	7.25
97	Angola 16-18, 25, 6, 9, 30, 1, 83, 4, 6, -O-21, 2 V.F.	4.98
98	Angora #1-3, 6, 14-7, 22, 6 -O-5, 18-21, V.F.	4.78
99	Antigua #5 V.G. #12, 14, 16, 18 V.F.	2.60
100	Antigua #22, X23-6 V.F.	4.15
101	Antigua #31-7 Sup.	3.30
102	Australia #J1, 2, 3, 5-O-6, 8 V.F.	3.60
103	Australia #J9, 10, 14, -O-15, 18, 19 V.F.	1.90
104	Basutoland #18-25 Mint-Sup.	1.22
105	Bechuanaland 121-131 Mint Sup.	1.22
106	Bermuda #13 V.F. No Gum.	15.00
107	Br. Cent. Africa #1, 3, 5, 43, 5, 50, 7-Sup.	3.85
108	Br. Cent. Africa #44, 7, 9 Sup.	3.20
109	Br. Cent. Africa #60-4 Sup.	5.35
110	Br. E. Africa #14, 15, 17, 19, 23, 54, 72, 3, 8, V.F.	4.02
111	Br. Guinea #130, 2, 5, 7, 9, 41, -O-131, 3, 6, 40 V.F.	6.00
112	Br. Guinea #134, 8, 57, X-158 V.F.	2.13
113	Br. Solomon Island #1-5 V.F.	8.10
114	Br. Solomon Island #6 V.F.	4.00
115	Br. Solomon Island #7 V.F.	5.00
116	Br. Solomon Island #8-15, 19, 20 V.F.	4.70
117	Br. #2, 5, 13, 4, 5, 24 V.F.	4.10
118	Canada #25 No Gum-Mint V.F.	4.55
119	Canada #36 Mint.	1.75
120	Canada #28, 34, 39, 40, 44 (2), 46, 7, 8-X-37, 45 V.F.	7.22
121	Canada #50, 58, -O-52, 54 V.F.	5.30
122	Canada #71, 80, 1, -O-75, 6, 7, 8, 9, 81, 2 V.F.	4.49
123	Canada #85, 7, 8, -O-47, 51, 3, 85, 6, 6, V.F.	2.02
124	Canada #96, 100, 2, 3, V.F.	7.15
125	Canada #96, 7, 8, (2), 100, 1, (2), 2, 3 All minor Defects.	12.65
126	Canada #101, 6, 8, 13, 19, J1, 2, 3, MK1, 2, -O-3 V.F.	1.81
127	Canada #96, 98, 13, 22 V.F.	2.67
128	Canada #131 (3), F2, F3, (3) Shade Var. V.G.	2.04
129	Canal Zone #9, 13, 22, 25, 29B -O-10, 14 V.F.	5.65
130	Canal Zone #32-6, -O-31 V.F.	3.57
131	Canal Zone #32-32C in pair No Gum V.F.	3.15
132	Canal Zone #37, 8, 41-6 V.F.	3.67
133	Cape of G. H. #2 Close at B-V.F.	7.00
134	Cape of G. H. #3 Corner clipped -Close Margins.	10.00
135	Cape of G. H. #4 Good repaired copy	3.00
136	Cape of G. H. #5 Slt. Thin Spot V. G.	10.00
137	Cape of G. H. #6 Corner Gone -Close-Fair	15.00
138	Cape of G. H. #62-70 V.F. Mint	5.13
139	Cayman Is. #1, 3, 4, 5 Sup.	2.90
140	Cayman Is. #2, 21, 2, 31, Sup	2.93
141	Ceylon #37 Fine	5.00
142	Ceylon #45 V.F. Used.	4.00
143	Ceylon #63, 117, 121-O-61 Fine	3.50
144	Ceylon #64, 5, 6, 9 Used, Fair	2.42
145	Ceylon #85, 6, 136, X88, 9, 92, 131, 8, 9, V.F.	5.42
146	Ceylon #87, 90, 1, 132, 3, 4, 5, 7, 40, 1 Sup. Mint.	5.22
147	Ceylon #142 V.F. Cent. to L.	3.00
148	Ceylon #143, 4, 5, 8, 150, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9-O-146 V.F.	4.25
149	Ceylon #162 V.F.	4.00
150	Ceylon #163 V.F.	5.00
151	Ceylon #166, 7, 8, 172, 3, 4, Sup.	3.75
152	Ceylon #179, 80, 1, 2, 7, -O-11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, -O-178, 85, 6, 09, V.F. Lot.	6.98
153	Cook Is. #5, 6, 11, 27, 8, 31, 2, 4, 5, 9 V.F. Mint.	5.25
154	Cook Is. #112-14 Sup.	2.20
155	Cyprus, #2, 3, 8, V.F.	2.10
156	Cyprus, #19-22, 28-34	5.19
157	Cyprus, #38, 9, 48, 9, 50, 2, 62, 6, 7, -O-53 V.F.	2.26
158	Dominica, #97-104 Sup.	1.16
159	Ea. Africa and Uganda, #25, 16 V.F. Mint.	1.75
160	Ea. Africa and Uganda, #31-39 O.G. (#37 creased)	6.08
161	Egypt, #125-27, 228-30 Comp. Sup.	1.40
162	Egypt, #273, 5, 6, 7	1.50
163	Eq. #1, 2, 4, 4, 5, 50 V.F.	5.20
164	Eq. #52, 54a, 55-8, V.F.	5.55
165	Eq. #59, 61-5, 7, Sup. Mint.	6.40
166	Eq. #70-4, 80, 8 Sup. Mint.	1.00
167	Eq. #117-24, Sup. Mint.	1.21
168	Gambia, #40, 2, 4, 6, 9 Sup.	4.50
169	Gambia, #51, 3, 6, 9 Sup.	3.25
170	Gambia, #57, 9 Sup.	3.75
171	Gambia, #70-81 Sup.	5.88
172	G.E.A., #N17-24 Mint Sup.	1.91
173	Gibraltar, #1 Sup.	.75
174	Gibraltar, #12, 7, 21, 9 Sup.	6.75
175	Gibraltar, #22-26, 28 Sup.	11.25
176	Gibraltar, #29-35, 36A & B Sup.	4.93
177	Gibraltar, #37, 40, 2, -O-38, 9	4.20
178	Gibraltar, #39, 50, 2, 7, 6 Sup.	4.98
179	Gibraltar, #51, 3, 8, -O-55 Sup.	4.80
180	Gibraltar, #107-13 Sup.	1.06
181	Gilbert and Ellice, #8-11 Sup.	2.15
182	Gold Coast, #1 V.F.	12.00
183	Gold Coast, #6 corner creased, Fine	2.50
184	Gold Coast, #11, 13, 4, 7, 20 (1884 Comp.) Sup.	2.72
185	Gold Coast, #15, 16, 18, -O-19 Sup.	3.35
186	Gold Coast, #20, 7, 9, 31, 7 Sup.	4.20
187	Gold Coast, #22-41 Sup.	2.49
188	Gold Coast, #42-44 Sup.	3.50
189	Gold Coast, #50, 1, 3, 4, 6-63, 66 Sup.	9.35
190	Great Br., #3 part O.G. Sup.	5.00
191	Great Br., #40 V.F.	6.00
192	Great Br., #67 O.G. pl #16 V.F.	3.50
193	Great Br., #124 Superb Used.	10.00
194	Great Br., #124 Superb Used.	10.00
195	Great Br., #127-38, 143-45 Mint Sup.	6.18
196	Great Br., #139 Sup.	3.00
197	Great Br., #140-1 cancel trifling heavy	3.50
198	Great Br., #142 Sup.	7.00
199	Great Br., #151-4, 159-67, 70, 2, -O-171, 3, 5 V.F.	7.35
200	Great Br., #44, 5, 11, 20, 31 V.F.	5.21
201	Great Br., #94, 10, 12, 13, 16, 8, 9, 26, 7, 31-5, 7, 8, V.F.	10.30
202	Grenada, #132-9 Sup.	1.16
203	Guatemala, #26a and b, 27a, 28a, 29, 30 V.F.	2.37
204	Guatemala, #75-85 one used, V.F.	2.80
205	Guatemala, #34 stamps between #108-149 V.F.	3.07
206	Lagos, #13, 15, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25 V.F.	4.35
207	Lagos, #36 creased but V.F.	6.00
208	Labuan, #33-6, 9 (34 and 39 are mint) V.F.	5.40
209	Labuan, #12-5, 7, 8 (44 and 48 mint) V.F.	4.68
210	Labuan, #49, #50-57 V.F.	3.50
211	Labuan, #58-60, 63-5 V.F.	1.45
212	Labuan, #56-9 mint, 70-5, 6, 6, 8-21 used V.F.	4.30
213	Labuan, #74, 85, 6, 9 used, 77, 88, 93, 4, 7 mint V.F.	3.80
214	Labuan, #98, 9, used, 110-18 mint V.F.	4.47
215	Labuan, #98a-107 1-9	
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Freak Perforation Used On New Mexican Stamps Baffles Counterfeiters

From the copies of the new Mexican Astrophysical Stamps received for registry in the Pan American Philatelic Depository maintained by the Pan American Union at Washington, a purely technical aspect of unusual interest has been noted. John Smith, Superintendent of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, corroborated that the type perforating used in this issue had never before been noted. With 12 holes to the usual 2mm. gauge, two different alternating sizes of holes have been employed. Government stamp experts, having no direct knowledge as to why resort was taken to this novel type of perforating, stated that it appeared to offer no advantage in separating stamps, but ventured the guess that the objective to be attained might have been that of increasing the difficulties of counterfeiting. Obviously it would be a far more numerous and delicate task to reproduce a double perforation than one of a series of holes of equal size.

Aside from the intensely interesting subject matter depicted, this new issue presents a distinct novelty in philatelic fields that collectors will no doubt desire to add to their collections. The Latin American Stamp Section of the Pan American Union announces that it has none of the regular or Air Mail stamps of this series for sale and is not in a position to aid collectors in obtaining

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by the U. S. government and the mail has been transferred to the S. S. EXMINSTER voyage 53 from India to United States." The cover bears stamps of India and is postmarked at Karachi. A third rubber stamp bears the words "c/o The Postmaster, Karachi." The censorship mark is British and is in the famous triangle form. The date of the postmark is January 12, 1942 and it arrived in Nashville on April 24, 1942. Such covers as this one add interest to War Cover Collections.

Lester Norton Brown, Brooklyn, N. Y., recently sponsored two printed cachets in honor of America's greatest hero, Gen. Douglas MacArthur. These cachets commemorated the appointment of MacArthur as Commander of West Point. One cover was mailed from West Point, the other from MacArthur, W. Va. These cachets were very timely and found a place in Patriotic and War Cover Collections throughout the United States.

P. H. Feintheil writes "I have an envelope from Hawaii mailed by a soldier there that has a seal similar or the same as British censor seals with just 'examined by 2625' printed on it. This letter was sent airmail and had a 20 cent Map airmail stamp thereon. Are these seals commonly used by U. S. Censors?"

them, since negotiations with Mexico for the handling of new issues have not been concluded.

New Zealand Tree Stamp Termed Most Interesting

By Leslie A. Barnes
In the special series of stamps issued recently to commemorate the centennial of New Zealand, the most interesting value is the one shilling stamp. The design chosen depicts "Tane Mahuta," Got of the Forest, one of the most perfect specimens of the great Waipoua forest reserve.

This tree is 42 feet in circumference at the base and rises with little taper to a sheer 80 feet below the first branch. Its size is difficult to understand when shown in stamp size, the trunk is approximately 14 feet in diameter at the base.

By old-time native Maori these trees were regarded as sacred and were approached with reverence and awe. When entering the forest on hunting trips it was the custom to place an offering at the foot of the first big tree to favor the gods and thus ensure good hunting. These "Tane Mahuta" trees are considered by experts to have been in existence at the time of the Roman conquest of Britain.

—Philatop Monthly

Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx At Convention

Colonel L. C. Hooper, guiding hand of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx announces that the P. P. will meet in joint conclave with the Texas State Philatelic Association at their convention

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—B. P. S. Beacon.

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"Stamp Collecting" Handbook Number 12 By Derek Ingram Is Handy Little Item For Stamp Collectors To Consult

By H. V. B. Voorhis

An 88 page "Stamp Collecting" Handbook, No. 12 called "Postage Stamps of the Red Cross" by Derek Ingram, Editor of "Stamp Collecting" is a handy little item. The forward is dated "London, January, 1919." It purports to be "a complete and comprehensive narrative of the subject, but shall exclude all reference to German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish issues." At the outset, we must state that the author stepped out of his sphere by issuing a work, covering, in part, a subject about which, he proves—in the pages of the handbook itself—that he is not in the least familiar. Much of the material was new when the author published it, but also much was pure guess work (an instance or two will be cited.) Mr. Ingram did not have a clear conception between postal issues and seals constantly mixing up the two with little or no discrimination. On the other hand, his work on many of the sections shows the result of a large amount of careful research, even when not complete.

Regardless of the "un-nice" things we have said above, the work is of great value, interest and use. It is a very much needed reference book for those engaged in studying the items covered. The edition was priced at 2 shillings, six pence and a Special Author's edition of 50 autographed and numbered copies @ 5 shillings was also printed. (ours is No. 36).

We cite now "Chapter XXI—Christmas Stamps," quoting—"A forerunner of the new ubiquitous Red Cross stamp was issued in Denmark at Christmastede, 1904 ... and its sale to the extent of seven million copies, realized a total over £7,000 (\$35,000) for the charity named." We have been informed by the Danish T. B. authorities that 4,113,000 seals were sold the first year. Another of the Danish Christmas stamps bears the portrait of Prof. Finsen, of Finsen Rays fame.... the design of the 1903 issue for Denmark.... etc. We have yet to see any Danish seal with Prof. Finsen's likeness thereon and if, as Mr. Ingram says in the first paragraph of his Chapter XXI, quoted above, that the "forerunner of the now ubiquitous Red Cross stamp was issued in Denmark at Christmastede, 1904," we wonder how he arrives at the conclusion that one was issued in 1903. The date of the first seal in Sweden is given as 1905—it was 1906.

Miss Bissell's name has been spelled "Bissed" in the article on U. S. A. seals. The 1907 Delaware seal was designed by Miss Bissell but actually drawn by Mrs. Lewis O. Vandegrift.

The rest of the chapter is devoted to Swiss semi-postage issues, which have nothing to do with our subject. Let us now get to the subject of our title—Grenada and Trinidad Red Cross-Seals Stamps, the data about them being taken from Mr. Ingram's little book to whom we express our thanks: "As early as September, 1914, the Red Cross Societies of Grenada, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago obtained authority to prepare and sell to the public type-set labels inscribed 'Geneva Red Cross Society—1 fration', with the Red Cross in the centre.....

"Early in 1916 the Grenada labels came to hand with an added inscription: '1914-1915'. They are on a par with those 'almost unintentional' labels (as they have been characterized), referred to in the Annual report of the Postmaster-General of Trinidad as follows:—

"I have here to record the fact that, almost unintentionally, there was a provisional issue of the local Red Cross Society's label as a ½d. postage stamp on September 18 last.

"It happened as follows: His Excellency the Governor, on September 17, 1914, was pleased to grant an application made by the local Red Cross Society that letters in connection with their work should pass through the post free of charge within the Colony, bearing the Red Cross stamp. On the following day about 900 envelopes, containing Red Cross circulars, were presented at the General Post Office by the Secretary of the Society for distribution to the country addresses, and were passed by my instructions in the ordinary way at ½d. rate as the Society was anxious that these circulars should be dispatched at once, although the sub-offices had not then received instructions about them; and, in order to avoid their being taxed, as they certainly would be in the usual course of business, I directed that the Society's label should be obliterated by the date stamp of the hour and date of posting, and I sent out a circular to all the officers informing them of what had been done, and instructing them that all letters franked by certain members of the Red Cross Committee must be passed postage free in future and until further orders, provided they had the Red Cross label affixed, but on no account must this label be obliterated again. Some time afterwards I was informed that the labels which had been obliterated on September 18, 1914, were considered by philatelists to constitute a provisional issue of the ½d. stamp, and I have since heard that the unused Red Cross label is now being sold freely to collectors (a fact which affords me considerable satisfaction, as the funds of the Society will benefit accordingly.) and that specimens of the obliterated label of September 18, 1914, are in great demand, but cannot be easily obtained."

"In December, 1916, a new Red Cross label was issued by the local Society in Grenada, again in a plain type-set design, but having around the Cross the four years, '1914—1915—1916—1917', and being inscribed, at foot, 'ONE FARTHING'. The impression was typographed in red and roughly perforated, as before, but not gummed. In one vertical pair which we have seen the lower label has the year '1917' omitted."

"A more legitimate Red Cross stamp than that referred to above made its appearance on October 21, 1915, consisting of the current 1d. scarlet adhesive of Trinidad and Tobago, overprinted with a Geneva Cross in red (outline in black), and the date, '21.10.15' in black. "This issue was one of 100,000 stamps which were on sale at the Trinidad post offices on the one day—October 21, 1915—only, and which it has been believed were only intended for use on that particular date. Copies have been seen, however, postmarked with subsequent dates.

"What proportion of this surcharged example was devoted to the Red Cross Funds is not clear, but the entire stock was sold out in a few hours (mainly to dealers of course) and a second printing was not practicable."

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BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

Kentucky Commem.

After quite a long dry spell I note that we are to have a new commemorative stamp. During the seige of Commemoratives there was quite some activity among the precancellers in the commemorative line. Along towards the last they just couldn't seem to take it. The Famous Americans did not get near the play that earlier series had commanded. The last of the 3c large commems had few followers and the couple dealers who traded exclusively in current commemoratives had given up by this time. Now that there has been a breathing spell of over a year since the last commem I would not be surprised if some few of these stamps happened to be precancelled.

Louisville Coil.

Howard Schaefer, secretary of the Central Ohio Precancel club shows me a unique pair of city type coils from Louisville. On the 1c 1916 coils in U-97 type with end tape still attached. About as much of the tab is left as two stamps would take up. These are precancelled and one impression on the first stamp, half of that stamp and the next stamp which would be the next to last stamp in the coil do not have any imprint on them at all. The question is how did it happen. If it had been the other way around it would have been easier to explain. My only explanation is that the stamp that did not receive the imprint must have been folded under in such a manner that it was pulled thru the coil machine under another stamp. Too bad there was not more to the strip to tell the entire story as I feel other stamps must have been involved to make this piece as it is. Not valuable but extremely interesting.

A Tip

No matter in how big a hurry you are at a stamp meet or the like TAKE TIME TO REMOVE THE HINGES from the stamps you are acquiring. If you leave them in an envelope or box for any length of time with the hinges on them they will stick to each other and you will have a lot of scuffed up stamps on your hands. Take a tip from me I know.

New April Issues

Following is a list of new precancels issued during April. New Town—South Pasadena, Calif., 1c Defense sheet. New Presidential Stamps in Sheets—1½c stamps for Los Angeles, New Haven, Miami, Springfield, Ill.; Ft. Madison, Iowa; Louisville, Ky., Toledo, Ohio; Scranton and Williamsport, Pa.; and Providence, R. I. A ½c stamp for Shreveport, La.

An 11c and 12c stamp for Denver, Colorado. A 20c stamp for Baltimore, Md.; 6c and 11c stamp for St. Paul, Minn. and an 11c stamp for Newark, N. J.

New Presidential Coils—1c stamp for Stockton, Calif., and Austin, Texas. A 2c for St. Louis Mo., and a 3c stamp for New Haven, Conn. and Rochester, N. Y.

New Defense Precancels issued are all of the B-15 type. There is a 2c stamp for Seattle and a 1c stamp for each of the following cities: Oakland and San Jose, Calif.; Aurora and Bloomington, Ill.; Saginaw, Mich.; Cincinnati and Marion, Ohio; Portland, Oregon; Pittsburg, Pa.; Providence, R. I. and Fort Worth and Galveston, Texas.

—Rolston Lyon.

GOOD LOOKING GIRL PROMOTES XMAS SALES

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went back and told Miss Bissell we wanted 6,000 of the seals she almost fainted, as that was as many as she had printed; I told her to get them and she did and we went to work. He told of the story of standing in the office on the day of the opening day sale and seeing the ragged newsboy walk up to the counter and lay down his money "Gimme one, me sister's got it." He gave his personal assurance that the story was correct in every detail, and commented on how he would like to have the name of that newsboy if he was now living, and wondered what became of that first sheet of seals he took upstairs. Miss Bissell got \$6,000 for her stamps instead of the \$300 she hoped to raise. He told later of visiting the National Red Cross committee in Washington with Miss Bissell and the cool reception he got when he wanted the Red Cross to make the seal sale a yearly feature, and how a chance remark at a dinner later, led to its adoption, and the North America went to work in earnest on the 1908 seal and made it national. His paper carried an entire border in red of the 1908 seal and a large one in the center of the page, the first example of red color printing in an American paper. That seal brought \$135,000. Incidentally the first information on the seal sale for 1941 was released, it will be over seven and a half million dollars a new all time high.

Unique War Covers Are Coming Home To Roost

Away back before Pearl Harbor, copies of Linn's Weekly Stamp News were mailed every week in individual wrappers to subscribers in the Philippines. Within the past week several of these copies of the issue of November 1st, evidently the first to be turned back as a result of the Bombing at Pearl Harbor and Manila, have been coming back to our office, each handstamped with a large rubber stamp in two lines, "Return to Sender—Service Suspended."

These wrappers are mute evidence of the attack on Manila, the gallant defense of MacArthur on Bataan and the final fall of Corregidor, but time will come when Linn's will again cross the Pacific to its host of friends in the Philippines.

West Essex Philatelic Society Holds Meetings

The spring exhibits at the West Essex Philatelic Society have been unusually interesting. On April 13 Mr. John A. Klemann of Montclair, well known retired dealer, showed his Greece First Issue. On April 27, Mr. W. Lloyd Heath of New York showed Materials and Methods of Paper-Making. On May 11 Miss H. V. Z. Anthony exhibited her collections of Madagascar and Dependencies and Reunion. The Montclair N. J. stamp meetings have attracted many collectors.

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Curiously enough this little demonstration left Eleanor out in the cold too as she was as ignorant of Bahrain as were the news-boys.

Two interesting bits of "Background" are in the March 7th and March 14th issue of Stamp Collecting of London and from the former we quote the following: "The death of Sir Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifah, Shiek of Bahrain, circulating in the tsun-drenched is unlikely to affect the stamps and prosperous protectorate of the Persian Gulf. Ever since an Indian postal agency was opened at Moharek on the island of the same name, on August 1st, 1884, British Indian stamps have served its needs. Until 1933 these were undistinguished, save by the local postmark, but with the development of the vast oil wells correspondence increased and thereafter the name "BAHRAIN" has been overprinted on the postal adhesives supplied for use there. Before the war the greater number of Bahrain stamps came to London in the mail of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company."

Then in the March 14th issue we find a letter from Bryan E. Johnson which is also quoted in full because of the several interesting points which it contains.

"I would like to correct some points on the 'Commentary' regarding 'Bahrain' and also add a few notes.

The writer mentions that the greater number of Bahrain stamps reach London from the Anglo-Persian Oil Co., but this company does not operate in Bahrain. The largest mail arrives in England from the Bahrain Petroleum Co., subsidiary company of the Standard Oil Company of California.

At the time of my leaving Bahrain in 1939 there was no postal agency or office on Muharrag, although no doubt it was originally established there. The chief post office and only public one is at Manama on the island of Manama (this island is known locally as Bahrein.) No mail is delivered in Bahrein; tradesmen and residents collect their own mail from the postoffice or send an Arab for it.

There is another postoffice situated at Awali, 14 miles from Manama. This is for employees of the oil company, and mail is collected and dispatched daily in Manama. Prior to the war mail took only 2½ days to England.

It is interesting to note that Bahrain has produced stamps of its own for fiscal purposes, driving licenses, etc., and these are large pictorial stamps, consisting of high values only: Rs. 5, 10, 25 and 50.

While on the subject of Bahrain stamps I would like to mention a variety that occurs on the current half anna stamp. It is a short "I" in "RAIN", and is consistent on every sheet, being first stamp in top left-hand corner. Although I have studied the stamps of Bahrain very thoroughly this is the only flaw that I can find, and may be worthy of catalogue status in the future."

C. J. Dale New Prexy Of Cuban Stamp Club

At the May 8th meeting of the Havana Philatelic Club, which was the annual general meeting, Mr. C. J. Dale was elected president, J. W. Iliff, vice president; W. Borden, secretary-treasurer and W. G. Woodside, exchange manager.

This club, which is composed of Americans, has about 20 members, meets at the American Club on the second Friday of each month and is always glad to welcome visitors from the states.

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H. H. HARMER auction sale, held Apr. 28th at 32-34 E. 57th St. N. Y. C.

The 1875 reprint of the 5c 1847, No. 29d @ \$10.50; This stamp, once of lowly estimate, and called a Govt. counterfeit, has been much sought after at recent auction sales. As there were only 4779 copies issued by the government, the future price trend will be up and not down. 1c No. 32d. type IV, Recut T & B used with parts of adjoining stamps (\$5.00) @ \$8.50; 10c No. 35A, Type II, used with immense margins (\$7.50) @ \$9.75; 12c No. 36, Black town with large margins, (\$12.50) @ \$18.00; 15c No. 129, Reissue of 1875, superb O. G. (\$27.50) @ \$15.00; 5c No. 223, Imperf. corner pair, O. G. V. F. (\$20.) @ \$10.00; 50c No. 240, centered, Og VF. (\$20.) @ \$10.50.

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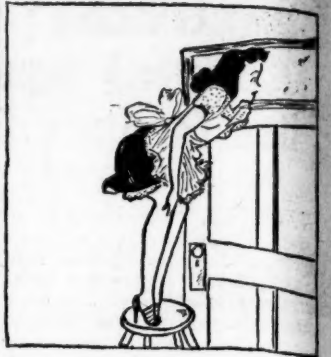
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